

# Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
April 21, 2014

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner’s Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2014 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County’s website [www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov](http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov). Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 agenda; 2. Approval of the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting minutes. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$38,787.10
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 641.86
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 176.32
AS Central Services, data process. -----	\$ 220.60
BC & BS, dental ins.-----	\$ 1,015.27
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$19,638.34
Capital Business Systems, copier lease -----	\$ 134.00
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 531.65
Community Hospital, blood tests -----	\$ 284.00
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 49.00
Eakes Office Products, supply -----	\$ 300.25
Eisenhart Law Office, ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 4,194.34
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$11,885.43
Bree Fraizer, blood draw -----	\$ 75.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,099.67
Hitchcock Co. Treasurer, title & tire fee, patrol vehicle -----	\$ 15.00
LaRue Dist., supply -----	\$ 153.04
Madison National life, life ins. -----	\$ 93.10
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 227.92
MidAmerican Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 165.00



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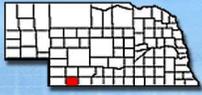
Darin Morgan, zoning admin. -----	\$ 657.65
NE Co. Attys. Assoc., dues/registration -----	\$ 490.00
NE Institute of Forensic Sciences, coroner fees -----	\$ 1,800.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,380.43
NE UC Fund., unemployment -----	\$ 959.38
Nebraska.gov., transcripts -----	\$ 4.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 6,361.54
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 35.78
Donna Stetler, clerical -----	\$ 72.00
T&J Repair, repair -----	\$ 12.50
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 45.78
US Bank, sheriff website annual fee -----	\$ 59.40
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 291.20
Postmaster, postage -----	\$ 1,000.00

## **ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 6,807.18
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 511.93
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 41.76
BC & BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 241.15
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 6,875.72
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
DFR, Inc., service -----	\$ 14.00
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. -----	\$ 792.50
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 1,783.84
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 171.04
Hitchcock Co. Treas., motor grader pmt. -----	\$ 12,268.05
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 3,632.93
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 29.40
Menards, sign posts -----	\$ 764.00
MidAmerican Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 45.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 157.11
NE Machinery, repair -----	\$ 7,699.82
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,179.84
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel -----	\$ 1,776.50
TK Ventures, bridge repair -----	\$ 4,927.50

## **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:**

Weed Fund Payroll -----	\$ 809.30
BC & BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 24.11
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 634.17
Eakes Office Products, supply -----	\$ 139.00
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 217.80
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 52.47
Holiday Inn Express, lodging -----	\$ 166.00
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 4.90
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 7.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 20.41



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Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 126.09
T&J Repair, tires -----	\$ 1,024.50
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 72.08

## 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Century Link, service -----	\$ 278.21
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 612.48

Custodian Keller met with the board regarding the sidewalk repair project and courtyard lighting.

Attorney Garner joined the meeting.

Board was in receipt of the fully executed agreement by and between State of Nebraska, Department of Roads and Hitchcock County relating to Project C.N. AFE-G004, Highway 25 Kansas line to Trenton.

Highway Superintendent Phil Dixon joined the meeting. Discussion held on Road 44B and bridge inspections.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Addendum to Contract, on Parking and Sidewalk Replacement Project by and between Hitchcock County and BSB Construction, Inc. setting the completion date for Phase I no later than June 10, 2014. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

Semi Tractor bid specifications were discussed. Clerk to publish bids in the Hitchcock County News on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The bid publication and bid form will be placed on the County's website.

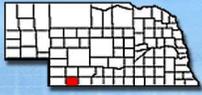
Dennis Maggart, Marketing Coordinator with NACO Benefit Services met with the board. Discussion was held on the Bronze option 301 plan which has an "aggregate deductible". The County's previous plan was "imbedded". Amy Johnson with Mid American Benefits, the County's HRA administrator joined the meeting by phone. Prescriptions are now a part of the deductible where they had a co pay under the prior policy. Attorney Garner advised as to his conversations with Mid American relating to prescriptions. Extensive discussion held on effects of aggregate and imbedded deductibles.

Motion by Nichols to restructure the County's Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) with Mid American Benefits, Inc. from an imbedded deductible to an aggregate deductible of \$2,500 for individual and \$5,000 two party or family with an 80% allocation after the first \$500 deductible for an individual policy and \$1,000 deductible for a two party or family policy to the employee, retroactive to March 1st, 2014. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Ms. Johnson advised Mid American Benefits would prepare a new contract for board consideration with the changes made in Commissioner Nichols motion.

Discussion held on:

- Single and two party/family plan employee deductibles
- Prescription drug costs applying to deductible
- Employee total out of pocket expenses
- Maximum exposer amounts
- Cost savings to county under the new plan



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Mike Rowe with Husker Steel met with the board regarding the County's culvert needs.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$519.90 from Columbus Metal Industries for scrap iron sales credited to the Road Fund; \$1.00 from Vonnage Tax Account and \$21.00 from Centurytel, Inc. for 911 surcharges, both credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.

/s/ Scott McDonald  
Scott McDonald, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret M. Pollmann  
Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk